

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:662
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2000
AMBITIOUS PLAN FOR COTTON CULTIVATION
C.P. RADHAKRISHNAN;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India has started an ambitious plan for better cotton cultivation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the villages chosen under this plan, State-wise;
- (d) the criteria for selection of villages under this plan;
- (e) whether the villages of Tamil Nadu are likely to be included in the plan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.662 SHRI C.P.RADHAKRISHNAN AND SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR FOR 12.05.2000 REGARDING AMBITIOUS PLAN FOR COTTON CULTIVATION

(a) : The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd.(CCI), in addition to its primary functions of Commercial and Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations, have also taken initiatives of undertaking development / extension programmes for better cotton cultivation in the country supplementing the efforts of other Agencies / Government .

(b) : The details of the development/ extension programmes are as under:-

- i. Village Adoption Programme for dissemination of latest technology to farmers; distribution of certified and truthful label seeds and quality pesticides; and arranging field workshops to create awareness on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Technology.
- ii. Funding of R&D Activities/Projects relating to cotton.
- iii. Encouraging cultivation of cotton in non-traditional areas through creating awareness and educating farmers.

(c) The number of villages adopted State-wise during 1999-2000 are as under:-

STATE	NUMBER OF VILLAGES
RAJASTHAN	20
HARYANA	29
PUNJAB	09
GUJARAT	47
MADHYA PRADESH	07
ANDHRA PRADESH	06
KARNATAKA	13
TOTAL	131

(d) Villages are adopted, in consultation with State Government / Local Authority, following the criteria of 'one village one variety concept' in order to help maintain the purity of cotton lint as well as seed, apart from according priority to marginal farmers having lower productivity level of cotton.

(e) & (f) : CCI is also implementing extension / development programmes in the State of Tamil Nadu. Village Adoption Programme has so far not been initiated in this State. However, presently the South India Mills Association (SIMA), Coimbatore, is undertaking similar extension works in the State of Tamil Nadu.